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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>William S. Kennedy and David E. Jacob</u> for <u>ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS</u>.

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[X]	Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application <u>NOT BE PUBLISHED</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.				
[]	Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.				
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Also	enclosed are:				
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[]	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [] hereby made to $_$ filed in $_$ on $_$;				
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	[X] also is enclosed [] will follow.				
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
[X]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (an executed declaration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):				
	[]This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference				
	[X]This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/400,451 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE PULLOUT FORCE OF FASTENERS IN A GRAPHITE				

BACKING PLATE OF A SILICONE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY and filed

on <u>July 31, 2002</u>, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--.

- [] --This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference--.
- [X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS						
	No. OF CLAIMS		Extra Claims	RATE	FEE	
Basic Application Fee						
Total Claims	25	MINUS 20 =	5	× \$18.00 (1202) =	\$90.00	
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	\$84.00	
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Total Application Fee						
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